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Staff Spotlight: Sylvia Boulos

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Q: What is your role at USAID?

A: Market Access and Innovative Finance Advisor, CII.

Q: What did you do prior to joining CII?

A: I started off in global health at the Program for Appropriate for Health (PATH) working in postpartum hemorrhage. My experience at PATH really was the starting point for my passion for global health. I continued my professional development through consulting opportunities at the different MDBs and a brief stint in community health clinics in Haiti. Prior to CII, I was at the World Bank at the Global Financing Facility assisting in the Innovation to Scale competition.

Q: What makes you passionate about your work?

A: I was born and raised in Haiti and directly saw the impact of lack of access to health, nutrition and education. My upbringing in Haiti really solidified my determination to working in the development field. I decided early on that no citizens of any country should ever suffer lack of access to necessary goods and services. There are too many resources available for us not to work on providing support for sustainable development.

Q: What do you like to do outside of work?

A: I love to jog, be with my family, cook, music festivals, board games, museums - I love anything where I can be somewhere that engages my interests! I love the Sakura festival that Washington, DC typically hosts in the spring. They have a sake tasting that brings some of my favorites under one tent. To anyone reading this, try the Awa Yuki sake. It is a bubbly sake that tastes like marshmallow and is a treat during hot weather.

Favorite Book

A: A Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Anthony Marra, but really there are too many favorites.